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NOTED CLERIC FLAYS BIGOTRY

Dr. Henry Van Dyke Declares Defeat of Smith Would Be "National Calamity."

ASSAILS SECRET PROPAGANDA

Warning American voters that sinister and secret forces are threatening the very foundation upon which our Government is built, Dr. Henry Van Dyke, eminent educator, Presbyterian clergyman, author and diplomat has issued, from his home at Seal Harbor, Me., a ringing appeal for religious tolerance.

Dr. Van Dyke who holds degrees from Princeton, Harvard, Yale, Pennsylvania University, Union College and Oxford University is perhaps one of the best-known of living writers and clergymen. In a formal statement, he said:

"At the present moment there is on foot in these United States a widespread cabal to keep one of the candidates for the Presidency from election because he is a member of the Catholic Church. The other candidate has handsomely disavowed any personal share in the sentiments or arguments which characterize this cabal. This is much to his credit.

"But unfortunately he can not, or at least he does not, restrain and check the pernicious activity of his supporters, who are convinced that the end of a victory for their pet prejudices any means which they employ to secure it.

"Hence, if their candidate should be elected, he would owe his election in part to the religious prejudice and anti-Catholic enmity which the cabalists have stirred up and marshalled to the polls. This would be a misfortune for him, and a calamity for our country in home and citadel of religious liberty.

Most important Issue

"The mere prospect of such a calamity ought to move the hearts of true Americans and honest Christians with dismay, and awaken their minds to serious thought and earnest action in defense of that real freedom of conscience which is the hard-won crowning glory of America and the dearest jewel of Christianity.

"That seems to me far and away the most important question before the country today,—a question not to be answered by heated appeals to partisan allegiance,—a question not raised, thank God, by either of the honorable candidates for the Presidency, but a burning question thrust upon the conscience of every American voter by the overt fulminations and covert whisperings of those who seek to defeat one of the candidates because he is a Catholic.

"My Protestantism is obedient to Him who said, 'Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's.' My Protestantism, which is hereditary from the school of William of Orange, tells me that 'conscience is God's province.' My Americanism, which is a stout growth of eight native-born generations, tells me that to vote against a man because of his church-membership is to be untrue to the central faith of the Republic.

"Freedom of conscience is the greatest thing at stake in this campaign. Hundreds of thousands of voters fail to realize it.

It is time to blow a trumpet to awaken the sleepers. The Palladium of the Republic is attacked by secret and open foes. It is in danger, trembling in its marble hall. The spiritual call to arms goes out to every man and woman. Defend the religious Liberty of America!"

BLAINE ADVISES BOLT

Republican Senator in Wisconsin Declares Voters Must End Corruption; Says Friends Are for Smith.

MILWAUKEE, WIS. — Republican leaders, disheartened by the tremendous reaction to the recent speech of United States Senator John J. Blaine, in which he bitterly criticised the last two Republican administrations and lauded Governor Smith, have practically given up all hope of swinging Wisconsin to Hoover.

Senator Blaine, a former Governor of Wisconsin, and one of the State's popular Republican leaders, declared in an address at Burlington:

"I have no doubt that my friends and supporters are going to vote for Governor Smith. We must condemn Republican silence on the scandals of the Harding Administration as an accessory after the fact. The thing to do is to end corruption by voting for Governor Smith."

BUTLER ATTACK IS COSTLY TO G. O. P.

Educator's Repudiation of Hoover Swings Many Votes to Smith.

The unqualified repudiation of Herbert Hoover by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, and President of the Carnegie Endowment Foundation for International Peace, has proved, political observers say, one of the most staggering blows suffered in the present campaign by the Republican forces.

Although many prominent Republicans have renounced allegiance to their party since Hoover's nomination, none, it is conceded, has influenced as many votes.

A highly esteemed leader in Republican party affairs since 1887, Dr. Butler has attended every Republican national convention for 40 years. In 1912, following the death of Vice President Sherman, who had been renominated, Dr. Butler became the Republicans candidate for Vice President. He was one of his party's most prominent candidates for the nomination for President in 1924.

The reaction to his ringing disavowal of the principles enunciated by Hoover in his acceptance speech was immediate and nation-wide. His bold and unequivocal declaration that he could not support a candidate who admitted himself to be in favor of the "continuance of the present reign of lawlessness, debauchery and Government-made crime" brought thousands of letters of congratulation from other disaffiliated Republicans.

In a scathing letter, addressed to the editor of the New York Times, Dr. Butler declared he wished to dissociate himself "quickly, publicly and completely on positions on two of the three most important questions now before the American people that were taken by Mr. Hoover in his speech of acceptance."

Noted Authority

Dr. Butler, who has long been in demand by learned bodies as a speaker on questions relating to international relations and the promotion of world peace, ridiculed Hoover for his "wholly false argument" that the squandering of enormous sums on naval armament would cooperate in the maintenance of peace.

"The country is now the well-demonstrated fact," asserted the educator. "Mr. Hoover dismisses with a few parturitory words the truly remarkable treaty just now to be signed by ourselves and all the great powers of the earth pledging renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy." He added that Hoover's position was more "swaggar."

He criticised Hoover for "accepting the formula of that paid band of agitators, lobbyists and persecutors which calls itself the Anti-Saloon League," and asserted that it is "quite obvious that Mr. Hoover has no conception of the real problem by which the country is faced."

"That problem," averred Dr. Butler "has not to do with liquor, not with social experiments, good, bad or indifferent, but with the structure and functions of the Government of the United States."

Accusing the Republican candidate of "hypocrisy" and "contradiction" which "would be comic were it not so unspeakably tragic," the educator declared: "No one can be in favor of the principles upon which our Government rests, or of the Constitution itself, and at the same time in favor of the Eighteenth Amendment, because the two are absolutely contradictory."

"Literally millions of Republicans throughout the country," Dr. Butler asserted, are "in full agreement" with him.

HOOVER FARM STATEMENT CALLED "CLEVER DELUSION"

"A very pretty Christmas tree for the American farmer, covered with glistening tinsel and little Christmas bells, but without presents—in other words, a clever delusion."

That is how Herbert Hoover's statement on Agriculture is described by William Hirth, of Columbia, Mo., publisher of the Missouri Farmer, and chairman of the Corn Belt Committee. Mr. Hirth adds:

"Mr. Hoover's message to Agriculture constitutes a lot of cleverly put together bunk that will not fool the thinking farmers of this country. When he admits that after eight years of uninterrupted power the Republican party has failed to meet what he now says is its 'most urgent economic problem in our Nation' he is caught in his own bear trap—how can he confess this indictment against his party in one breath, and then have the nerve to ask the farmers for his vote in the next?"

NORTH CAROLINA FOR SMITH, SAYS DANIELS

RALEIGH, N. C.—Declaring that Governor Smith's acceptance speech "rings true upon the fundamentals of Democracy," Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy during the Wilson Administration, predicted that "North Carolina will continue in the Democratic column."

BACHELORS DEFEND UNMARRIED STATE

Replies of Baltimore Men to German Statistics.

Baltimore, Md.—Defending their "single blessedness," Baltimore bachelors both differ and agree with the German statistical figures which, according to Berlin cables, has uncovered by scientific evidence that married men live longer than bachelors, but bachelors, widowers, and divorced men take first prize for good conduct.

"Married men do not live longer," said Philip B. Pertman, former city solicitor. "As a bachelor and by an authority on the subject, it only seems longer. It is, however, very true that we bachelors are more virtuous and therefore we should have the first prize.

"It is this virtue and goodness that makes our lives pass so quickly and seems to make them shorter. The statistical bureau is absolutely incorrect on its first results and absolutely correct when it refers to our good conduct."

"Feminist Propaganda."

William H. Chaffe, permanent chairman of the Bal des Arts and one of the best known bachelors in Baltimore, said a part of the German conclusions are nothing else but feminist propaganda.

"The whole trouble is the girls can't find us," he explained. "We bachelors are too cute for them. Because we elude them and stay by our unassailed firesides and they can't locate us they think we are sly dogs, under."

"The girls are trying to make those German statisticians believe we are all young as a means of making us come out of our hiding places and prove we don't."

"Ready to Die."

"There can be no doubt about our good conduct. I am very glad somebody has found that out. They say the bird flies high when it escapes from a cage. We have no cages to escape from and, therefore, our conduct is always according to Boyle on Emily Post."

Frederick H. Huber, municipal director of music and one of the city's "eligible bachelors," said he is "ready to die right now."

"If good conduct of bachelors is a criterion," he added, "then all bachelors are ready for the undertaker. The good die young, you know. I don't know anything about married men living longer or why, because I'm never had the marrying habit."

J. Wallace Bryan, attorney, was skeptical about the German deductions.

"If I remarked about them," he said, "I might give away my secret or myself. I think discretion is the best part of bachelorhood right now."

Other well-known bachelors did not hesitate to give their private opinions but, as one remarked, "We bachelors never can be understood, and, no matter what we say or do, we get in bad."

Most Accurate

Washington.—When it comes to accuracy, the Oxford Bible puts in a claim for first place. It contains 774,746 words and, as each new edition is published, a reward of $5 is offered to any reader who can find a typographical error. The average payments on this account amount to one a year.

BIG FIVE-DAY RACE PROGRAM AT STATE FAIR THIS YEAR

The Home Stretch of State Fair Race Track, Richmond

RICHMOND—Five days of horse racing, instead of four days as in previous years, is a part of the "bigger and better" program for the 1928 Virginia State Fair which opens in Richmond Oct. 1st.

The races start Tuesday, second day of the Fair, and continue through Saturday, with four events on each day's card. Purses range from $300 to $600 a race, aggregating a total of $10,000.

The Virginia Fair is this year associated with the biggest circuit of half-mile tracks in the country, and this together with the large purses assures the highest class entries and best races ever seen in this section.

There will be no increase in the admission charge to the grounds this year and railroads and bus lines will offer special reduced round-trip rates throughout the week.

ANIMAL ACTORS FEATURE OF OUTDOOR SHOW AT STATE FAIR

RICHMOND—Intelligent, marvelously trained animals will take an important part in the extensive and varied program of entertainment provided for visitors to the annual State Fair to be held in Richmond the week of Oct. 1st to 6th.

One of these is a late star attraction of Ringling Bros.-Barnum & Bailey Circus, known as Christiansen's Horses, said to be the greatest equestrian act in the world. There will also be a group of mixed animal performers known as Curtis' Animal Circus, which includes "Danger", called by his owner the "meanest mule in the world".

Christiansen's troupe of eight beautiful collies is another marvel of animal intelligence. These remarkable dogs perform their own pantomimic drama, play on miniature organs, operate small autos and do everything but talk.

There are a total of sixteen features on the big outdoor hippodrome bill which will be given each afternoon and evening, constituting by far the largest and most elaborate entertainment program ever offered by the Fair.

In addition to the animal acts, these include the Flying Floyds, Cliff Curran, Billy Loreite, Walton Troupe, Miss Bee Starr, the Honey Troupe, Eight Saratios and others.

There will be a magnificent display of fireworks each night, including the save-inspiring spectacle, "Last Days of Pompeii".

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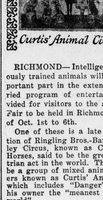

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For Vice-President
Joseph T. Robertson
Arkansas

For Congress
Harry St. George Tucker

For U. S. Senate
Claude A. Swanson

On our fourth page will be found an article from the pen of Dr. Henry Van Dyke an able minister of the Presbyterian church. Whether we tolerate the religion of one another or not, modesty and justice compels us to recognize the rights of all to worship God according to his own conscience.

Democrats Organize

At a meeting held at the courthouse Monday evening the plan of campaign for the county was gone over and ways and means discussed for getting out a full democratic vote for the ticket at the precincts in the county. While there are a few Democrats who are uncertain as to how they will vote, the Democrats are talking of deserting the party in this county.

Base Ball

The Klansmen beat the Appomattox baseball team 8 to 4 in a third game of the inter-city series at the Fair Grounds Saturday afternoon in Lynchburg and are still in the running for the championship. The Appomattox team is now leading two games and the fourth and concluding game will be played at Appomattox next Saturday afternoon.

Appomattox

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Wilson, 2b	3	0	1	1	3	0
Foster, ss	3	0	0	2	3	0
Johnson, 3b	3	0	0	1	2	0
Hamlett, c	3	0	0	7	1	0
Wright, lf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Hall, cf	3	1	1	2	0	0
Hall, 1b	3	0	1	7	0	0
Foster, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Hall, p	3	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	27	1	3	21	10	0

Klan

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Hall, 2b	4	1	1	2	0	0
Hall, ss	4	1	2	0	3	0
Hall, 3b	4	0	0	0	2	0
Hall, c	4	0	0	5	1	0
Hall, lf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Hall, cf	4	0	0	2	0	0
Hall, 1b	4	0	0	8	0	0
Hall, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Hall, p	4	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	32	4	7	18	11	0

Summary by innings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Appomattox	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Klan	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	x

Summary: Two base hits: Hall, Hall. Three base hit: Hall. Stolen bases: Hall, Hall, Hall,